

## Timely Tidbits ...

### National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 4, neighborhoods throughout Taylor are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "26th Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention program.

The event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 3 to 6 p.m., the Taylor Police Department will join with the Target store on Pardee Road north of Eureka Road for an event that will include fire and police demonstrations (including a K-9 unit), child identification cards and fingerprinting, as well as crime prevention tips.

Other attractions will include music, hot dogs, a water balloon toss, a dunk tank, goodie bags for kids, and face paintings.

From 7 to 10 p.m., residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outdoors with neighbors and police.

### GM Plant Wins Award

State Senator Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) has announced that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) granted the General Motors Engine Operations Plant in Romulus the Neighborhood Environmental Partners (NEP) award for its commitment to environmental community outreach.

"While our manufacturing industry has faced some significant challenges, I applaud [GM's] continuous commitment to promoting an environmentally sound community," said Basham. "By working together, we can continue to improve our neighborhoods and bolster economic prosperity by making them cleaner, more attractive places to live and work."

The NEP Program is a competitive environmental award initiative created by the DEQ to encourage and reward businesses and their neighbors who work together on projects. □

## City Financial Standing Upgraded; Performance Praised

ROMULUS – The financial standing of the City of Romulus has been upgraded over the past year by the nation's premier financial ratings service, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, according to a statement released by the City earlier this month.

The S&P service upgraded Romulus's rating from BBB+ to A+ – putting the City in an elite category in the Midwest – and praised the City for taking critical steps to strengthen its economy and provide opportunities for citizens and businesses despite today's tough economy.

"The entire community of Romulus is working together every day – from everyday citizens to local businesses to City workers – to make us stronger, and the positive Standard & Poor rating reflects that shared

commitment we have to our community," said Mayor Alan R. Lambert. "The City of Romulus continues to streamline, eliminate waste, and cut costs to save taxpayer dollars while continuing to provide important services and build a strong community."

"The positive Standard & Poor rating we received sends a clear message that Romulus is a great place to live, work, invest in, and raise a family," he continued. "It shows that the City of Romulus has a government and a community that works hard every day. Romulus is a city of the future – and we're going to continue to work hard to make our community a success."

The S&P report praised Romulus for taking important steps that have helped it save money, continue to invest in its com-

munity, provide critical services, attract new investments, and position it for future growth at a time when other communities are struggling in the recession. It also credited Romulus's highly desirable location as a powerful asset for continued growth.

"Residents enjoy access to a wide variety of employment opportunities throughout southeastern Michigan," the report stated. "Romulus has experienced steady property tax base growth in the past five years. Market value is approximately \$3.2 billion, or in our view an extremely strong \$131,317 per capita. Financially, the city continues to perform well in our opinion, with a very strong unreserved fund balance of \$4.03 million, or 18.9% of expenditures, as of June 30, 2008." □

## Fishing Derby "Sells Out" at Taylor Summertime Fun Fest

On an otherwise relatively slow day for fishing, Kyle Yeary of Southgate reeled in the catch of the day early, and won the 21st annual Taylor Rotary Fishing Derby at Heritage Park on July 5.

Yeary, 10, nabbed a three-pound carp from Heritage Park's Coan Lake and finished with four pounds for the day. It was enough to give him his third first-place trophy in four years; his first in the Senior Division (ages 9–12). Yeary's 2006 and 2007 championships came in the Junior Division (ages 5–8). Last year, he was tied for fourth in the Senior Division.

For his efforts, Yeary won a trophy and rod and reel, compliments of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Taylor and Walmart.

For his three-pound catch, he received an actual alligator head skeleton donated by Elmer DePlanche, a former Taylor resident who typically travels to the city from Lake Placid, Florida, to serve as weigh master for the tournament. This year, professional fisherman and city employee John Carter served as weigh master when DePlanche was unable to make the trip.

Also in the Senior Division, Jake Zacharias of Taylor took second and Jakob Miner of Allen Park was third.

Nina Winborn-Molina of Taylor finished first in the Junior Division. The 6-year-old's cumulative fish catch weight was seven-tenths of a pound. Isiah King, last year's Junior Division champ, tied for seventh in the Senior Division this year.

In all, 100 children fished – a sellout for the event.

Sharon Vespremi, who coordinated the event on behalf of the City of Taylor Department of Golf, Parks and Recreation, said

the Fishing Derby truly embodied what the Taylor Summertime Fun Festival was about.

"Our focus was on families, and it was so great to see everyone gathered around Coan Lake on the most perfect of summer days with their children and grandchildren," said Vespremi. "We are grateful to the Taylor Rotary, under the direction of President Ed Sell, for its commitment to the families of our community."

### Leader Board (based on pounds caught)

#### Senior Division (Ages 9-12)

Kyle Yeary – 4.0  
Jake Zacharias – .8  
Jakob Miner – .6

Emily Porter – .4

James Knappmann – .4

Gerald Turnbow – .3

Katrina Hodge – .2

Isiah King – .2

#### Junior Division (Ages 5-8)

Nina Winborn-Molina – .7

Dominic DuDonis – .2

Alyssa DuDonis – .2

Caleb Dupuy – .2

Elizabeth Knappman – .2

Ethan Mascaro – .2

Makenna Mascaro – .2

Austin Molina – .2

Christopher Tomalka – .2



Some of the prize winners of the 21st annual Taylor Rotary Fishing Derby posed with tournament organizers: (from left) front – Senior Division winner Kyle Yeary, Jake Zacharias, and Jakob Miner; and Junior Division winner Nina Winborn-Molina, twins Dominic and Alyssa DuDonis, and Austin Molina; back – weigh master John Carter, Taylor Rotary President Ed Sell, and Sharon Vespremi of the City of Taylor. The photo was taken in front of Coan Lake in Taylor's Heritage Park. Photo by Dave Gorgon/City of Taylor



## Guest Commentary

### Community Gathering Celebrates Well Victory

By Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City of Romulus  
Dear fellow citizens,

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recently decided to revoke the permit for the hazardous waste wells in Romulus, a decision that is a victory for the citizens of our community. For more than two decades, our citizens have fought to protect our families from dangerous materials that endanger our health, safety, quality of life, and economic future.

I want to personally thank you for all your support and hard work in helping us win this 20-year battle. We could not have done this without your help and support in a fight that affects all of us.

We also applaud the DEQ for listening to your concerns and recognizing the serious risks posed by these wells, which were shut down in 2006 after racking up violation after violation in their brief 10 months of operation on Citrin Drive. And we thank our federal, state, and local officials for standing with us during this tough fight.

I urge you to continue staying involved on this issue. We all agree that the wells have been a disaster for everyone from Day One. Nevertheless, we must remain vigilant to ensure no one in the future ever attempts to re-open those wells. At the same time, we must also begin the work right now to find a positive use for the land. I encourage you to contact me if you have any ideas as we work together to attract new investments

to the location on Citrin Drive and create local jobs for our community.

Today, this victory over the wells belongs to you – the citizens who attended town halls and public meetings, signed petitions, and fought hard to protect our communities. You prove that Romulus residents are ready to stand up for our families, and that we are not afraid to take on those who put our community at risk. Your willingness to step up and speak out is what makes me proud of our community.

Thank you once again for standing up to those who wanted to open these dangerous wells. Thank you for fighting to protect our families and helping build a stronger community.

To show my gratitude, I plan to host a community celebration at noon on Wednesday, August 5, at the Romulus Athletic Center. Featuring food, fun, and family events, this celebration is free and open to all Romulus residents, as well as our friends in neighboring communities who joined us in the fight against the wells. This event is being sponsored and paid for with donations from our friends who have helped us fight this well, and is not being paid for with taxpayer dollars. Please save the date!

Now, we can focus our attention on moving Romulus forward and strengthening our community. Once again, thank you for your support in the battle against the hazardous waste wells. □

## Letter to the Editor

### Reader Calls Campaign Flag a "Disgrace"

To the Editor:

As I drove by the Shell gas station on Wayne Road several weeks ago, I happened to look up at the American flag flying there, and couldn't believe what I saw: a blue "Re-elect Mayor Lambert" flag attached to the American flag.

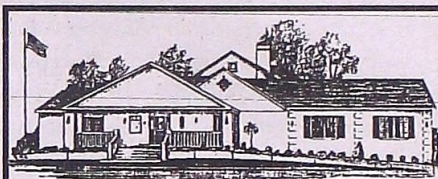
It is a disgrace to the people who fought and died for our country to fly a political flag under the American flag. Being the mayor, Alan Lambert should know better

than to use the American flag for his campaign. The mayor is responsible for how his campaign is run.

A number of residents complained to the management of the Shell gas station, and told them that they wouldn't be purchasing gas or products there until the political flag was removed.

I am thankful to say it was taken down.

John Clark  
Romulus □



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### Student Bake Sale Benefits Animal Shelter



On behalf of the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund, Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (center) accepted a donation of \$236 from Romulus High School students Erica Hayes (left) and LeAnne Dawson. The money, presented at the July 6 Council meeting, was raised through a Class of 2010 bake sale initiated by Hayes. Photo by R. E. Kadan

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# Romulus Council Candidates Share Their Backgrounds and Views



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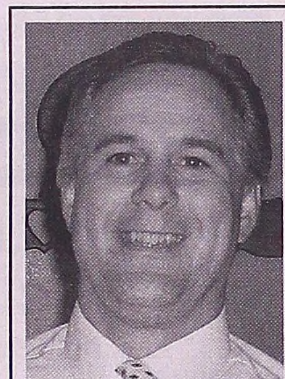
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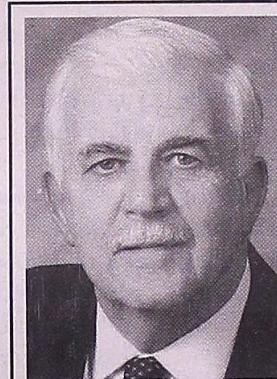
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In order to give voters a chance to acquaint themselves with possibly unfamiliar candidates running for Romulus City Council this November, *the little paper* invited all 13 to submit a letter (up to 300 words) about themselves and their campaigns. Everyone but Tom Madej participated. The candidates' letters, along with their contact information, follow.

## JOHN BARDEN

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It has been a great pleasure serving you, the residents of Romulus, as City Councilman since November 2005. I am deeply humbled to have worked in this capacity and am asking you – the voters – to allow me the opportunity to build upon my experience and vision of the last four years by re-electing me this November.

As a Romulus resident for 32 years, this community is near and dear to me. It's been a place for me and my wife, Janice, to raise our three children and have them attend school, see our grandchildren grow, enjoy time with friends and neighbors, and most importantly, it's the place where we call home.

I am deeply committed to maintaining and improving the quality of life here. Key initiatives I have supported have included the creation of industrial districts to create job opportunities and spur economic development, such as the recently approved Saturn Electronics project.

Another project of major significance is the Aerotropolis, designed to bring Romulus and neighboring airport communities and stakeholders together as a catalyst for regional development.

I am also seriously concerned with providing affordable health insurance and health care for small businesses and uninsured/underinsured residents. As a Department Executive at Wayne County, I have worked for more than a decade dealing with programs that help residents fill these health-care gaps.

Other issues of importance include safe neighborhoods, ensuring that the city is a healthy place to live, and working towards a more equitable property tax base for our residents.

I once again ask for your vote to serve on the City Council, and would be deeply honored to represent you and the Romulus community. I encourage you to contact me to discuss your concerns and ideas.

## KEENAN BROWN

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"Democrat for City Council"

### Personal Information:

- Education: Highland Park (Michigan) Community College; Ashland (Ohio) University; attended classes at Wayne State University
- Occupation: retired
- Marital status: married 21 years to Carmelita Brown; father of four children, one attends Cory Elementary School

- Romulus resident for six years

### Affiliations:

- Romulus Pumpkin Festival
- Romulus Chamber of Commerce
- American Progressive Association

- Romulus Community of Parents Who Care
- Treasurer of Cory Elementary PTC
- Worked for Michigan Superior Court for foster care review
- National spokesperson for the National Kidney Foundation
- Team USA martial arts champion and official alumni Hall of Fame member
- World champion (seven times)
- World Speed Brick Breaking Association

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You, as Romulus residents, ask, "Why should we elect Keenan Brown as our City Councilman?" I will try to answer that question. I am concerned about the direction our city is going. Every day, I see money leave this city that we need to benefit our residents. We, as Romulus residents, can't keep doing the same things and expecting different results. We need to try something new.

I pledge that, if elected to Romulus City Council, I will:

- Take a pay cut. Give the money back to aid the city. Everyday people are taking pay cuts; why not me?
- Work hard to encourage the administration to explore bringing major shopping business to Romulus and an emergency care unit for our senior citizens. Money coming in could help drop our taxes.
- Always put the residents of Romulus first. Never forget I work for the people of Romulus.
- Always vote to support the issues that benefit Romulus residents. I will not be a "yes-man" for anyone.
- Always listen to Romulus residents and work on your behalf the best I can. You can call or e-mail me about your issues or concerns about our city.

## LEROY BURCROFF

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Dear Citizens,

It has been a privilege to serve you as a councilman over the past 12 years. I look forward to the opportunity to continue contributing my efforts to help make Romulus a better place.

Here are a few important points to consider. I will continue to get the most value out of our tax dollars. I supported projects like the Senior Center and the Recreation Center without increasing taxes. We should continue to utilize all possible Federal, State, and county grant dollars to improve the quality of life without increasing any local taxes. I will continue to encourage business and economic development to bring jobs to our city. I am firmly committed to protect our citizens from unnecessary airport expansion. I will continue the focus of keeping our environment clean for future generations. Just one example is promoting the City's annual Clean Sweep campaign; another is my strong opposition to the operation of the injection well in our city.

I am aggressively supporting positive activities for our seniors and our youth. I am currently the chairman of the advisory board for the Boys & Girls Club of Romulus. The clubs provide positive, supervised activities for approximately 800 children during the critical after-school hours.

Safety of our citizens is very important to me. I will continue to support our police and fire departments.

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I am a lifelong resident who is committed to serving our community. I demonstrate strong work ethic and family values. I am levelheaded and passionate about positive growth for Romulus. I will do my best to represent you fairly and honestly. During these challenging economic times, it is critical that our city has experienced and proven leaders.

### LINDA CHOATE

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My name is Linda Choate and I am a candidate for Romulus City Council.

This year my husband Kenneth and I celebrate 52 years of marriage. We are the parents of two children and grandparents of six.

I am a 34-year veteran of the City Clerk's office, having spent the last 26 years as City Clerk. I will retire in November, and I look forward to a slower pace of life.

My desire is to remain an active member in the decision-making process in my city, and I believe I can make a valuable contribution as a city council member. I will bring to the table a world of experience, knowledge and understanding which will enable me to make credible decisions from day one. I anticipate occupying one of the vacant council seats.

It would be remiss of me not to express my humble thanks to the residents of the entire City of Romulus for the manner in which you have supported me these past 26 years. It has been an incredible, extraordinary experience. Thank you for your continued support and your vote.

If you would like to lend a hand in my campaign you may contact me at the phone number or e-mail address above.

### WILLIAM CROVA

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Dear Romulus voter,

I am writing to you today to ask you for your support in the upcoming November election. I have had the pleasure to serve you for the past 14 years as your councilman. I am a lifelong Romulus resident and a former business owner. The years of experience I have in business help me in my job as a councilman, as the City is like a business.

To me, the single biggest issue in Romulus is the fact of keeping Romulus fiscally sound. As we continue to grow in reference to residential and commercial development, this is what helps us to fund projects that we have in the community. We have been involved in a major road rebuilding fund over the years; we have continued to spend money in reference to water and sewer. We have added to services for the people of Romulus, the main thing being 16 full-time firefighters! This is an area where I would like to see continued growth.

I am very proud of our new Senior Center and Recreation Center. A town is

its people, so residents are very important.

In one word, the reason I'm running for City Council is because I CARE. I care about Romulus. I have lived in Romulus all my life, raised my family here, and carried on the family business in Romulus. As a Romulus property owner, taxpayer, business owner, husband, parent, and involved citizen, I am aware of the important and difficult issues facing our community. I believe I am well qualified to continue serving the citizens of Romulus.

### DEAN GILBERT

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I am a proud lifelong resident of Romulus and I am raising my own family in the same home that I was raised in, here in Romulus.

I now feel that the time has come for me to seek elected office. I want to bring fresh and positive ideas and solutions by running for city council.

I have been very concerned about bringing business to the city of Romulus and, as time goes by, it seems more businesses are beginning to disappear from our city.

As we all know, we have multiple empty store fronts on our main street in downtown Romulus, and many other locations throughout the city as well. I believe there are workable solutions available that will help enhance business in Romulus, and as a community we need to find other ways as well to succeed in this effort.

This may not be an easy goal to reach, but past experience shows that a community is made up of people whose capacity knows no bounds.

I cannot do this alone, and I believe that, as a community and as individuals, we have a responsibility to the community where we live and work. Our community is what we make it or what we fail to make it. The choice is ours!

I ask for your support in meeting this goal.

### KENNETH MABREY

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Hello. My name is Kenneth James Mabrey. I recently made my way onto the 2009 ballot for the Romulus City Council. It would be my pleasure to serve as a clear-thinking member of the City Council.

As an 18-year resident and owner of Juliann's Coney Island, I have had the unique honor of meeting many, many Romulus residents, and I have fallen in love with this city. I would consider it a great honor to be able to serve this community in the positive and motivated manner that I've done my entire life. I'm active in such charities as the Romulus Animal Shelter, Penrickton Center, Shriners Hospital, Helping Hand, and the Pumpkin Fest.

I'm a member of the Romulus Democratic Club and the Romulus Chamber of

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Commerce. I head up my local Neighborhood Watch and am endorsed by the 15th Congressional Democratic District.

I also come from a union-oriented family, starting with my grandfather, who was a Teamster; my father, who was in the UAW for 43 years; and myself, a building trades journeyman carpenter.

Thank you very much.

### CHARLES MILLER

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Hello. I'm Charles Miller, the councilman who resigned in protest over an out-of-control water policy. A policy that shut the water off on a wheelchair-bound man and his two children. A policy that cost you \$480 before you ever use a drop of water.

I'm the councilman who returned my pay back into the community. A total of \$22,500. That is my level of commitment to the citizens of Romulus.

I'm the councilman who paid \$980 out of my pocket for bicycle helmets to help protect our greatest assets, our children.

I'm the councilman who has been vilified because I did not always vote yes.

I'm the councilman who voted every time in your best interest. I make no deals unless you benefit directly from it.

I'm the councilman who, for 15 years, along with our citizens, helped stop the well project. Thanks to all.

If you're tired of your voice not being heard ...

If you're tired of watching others get away with what you get violations for ...

If you're tired of politicians who talk out of both sides of their mouths ...

If you're tired of your taxes going up while your house values go down ...

I said, in the last election, if you do not like the honest truth, loyalty, integrity, or trustworthiness, then don't vote for me, because I will not be anything less.

But, if you long for a voice that will present your concerns against all odds, I'm your man.

### RONALD ORR

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I am a fourteen-year resident of Romulus, married for twenty years, and together we have two daughters in the Romulus schools. We have been active in volunteering for school functions, and I have helped with the 2008 and 2009 Romulus commencement ceremonies. Currently, I hold the position of vice president of the Romulus Band Boosters, and I am participating with the 2009 Pumpkin Fest Committee. I have joined the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce to be able to better understand the needs of local businesses; also as another avenue to expand communication channels among all aspects of Romulus.

After eleven years of employment at Unimerco Inc. (an employee-owned company in six countries), my current title is Coating Technician II for automotive/aerospace tooling manufacturer. During this time, I have worked in many different areas within Unimerco Inc., from pickup/delivery, inside sales, and shipping/receiving.

When I was twenty-three years old, I graduated from Eastern Michigan University (1989) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Distribution, which entails management, sales, and inventory control. Now, at forty-three years of age, I continue to learn daily and want to be more involved in our city. After attending city council meetings for nearly a year and several TIFA meetings, I have decided to run for the office of Romulus City Council.

Being proactive and a citizen advocate is the most important function of city council. City council serves as a check and balance for all that happens in the city. Objective and responsible decisions must be made from facts, input from all, and resourceful hard work.

Your vote is valued, and the responsibility of a council seat will not be taken lightly.

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To the Romulus community:

I am asking for your support in the upcoming November 3<sup>rd</sup> election. I know I will be an asset to our community with the knowledge and experience I have making difficult decisions during difficult times. I am dedicated to working towards the advancement of growth, maintaining stability for our city, and supporting innovative ways to further the future of a successful and safe community for all of us. I believe the following information will show my qualifications to represent the residents of Romulus as your councilperson.

#### Dedicated to the Community

- Parent volunteer in our schools
- Girl Scouts, Brownies / Barth Elementary School
- Cub Scouts / Barth, Wick, and St. Aloysius schools
- Boy Scout Advancement Chairman Troop # 872 / St Aloysius Church
- Romulus Little League Baseball / Treasurer
- Romulus Flyers Football / Secretary
- Community Wide Clean Sweep
- Community and school booths & Parade of Lights / Pumpkin Festival.
- Senior citizen community volunteer
- Sunday School and Jr. Church Teacher / Romulus Freewill Baptist Church and Toledo Freewill Baptist Church

#### Proven Leadership

- Romulus Board of Education: currently in my 8th year and Vice President; also served as President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) certified with

Award of Merit. Active or have served on Finance, Personnel, and Policy committees, along with various School Initiative committees.

#### Successfully Helped To Implement

- \$5 million in budget reductions with minimal impact on the district.

#### Supported

- an energy conversation program which saved \$1.5 million in energy cost.

#### Strong Family Values

- Lifelong resident
- Married 35 years to Rob Roscoe
- 3 children – Katrina, Philip, and Carl; 3 grandchildren
- Employed in Romulus at Detroit Automatic Tooling / Accounting Office – 14 years.

### WILLIAM WADSWORTH

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Dear resident:

You have elected me to City Council since 1983. I am honored to be the longest serving councilman in the history of Romulus. Since that time, I have promised to vote fairly on all issues placed before me, keeping in mind the needs of our citizens first. I believe that I have kept that promise.

During the 38 years that I worked in Romulus as a police officer, I feel I got to know and understand the problems, needs, and wants of the citizens, from the youngest child to ours seniors. My wife Jean and I have lived in Romulus for over 43 years. Ours three sons all graduated from Romulus schools, they went on to receive college degrees, and now their four kids all attend Romulus schools. We feel this is a fine community to raise a family.

During my 11 terms in office, we have seen positive things: new post office, paving of roads, new senior center and recreation center, and many other issues have been resolved. I fought railroad expansion by CSX and won. Airport, commercial, and industrial developments are important, but

we must not sacrifice the quality of life for our residents.

I have raised \$150,000 in cash donations, without any taxpayer monies, and the new Romulus animal shelter will be started this fall with the help of our TIFA.

I stand on my voting record, voting YES on the second senior tower, more police, and a full-time fire department; suing Metro Airport for flooding our subdivisions and trying to take more land; and voting YES for improvement in all City services. I voted NO on residential reassessment and DEEP WELL INJECTION DISPOSAL, and I opposed any new residential taxes. Many things are still undone, and I ask your support for a 12th term.

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Dear City of Romulus Residents,

As someone who has lived in Romulus for the past 36 years, I know how important it is to have high quality City services. As your City Councilperson, I will commit our city to continue providing excellent service to all our neighborhoods.

Having worked in the City for over 14 years in several capacities, including Deputy City Clerk, I have learned the importance of encouraging economic and business development in Romulus. A strong economic base will help keep our neighborhoods and schools strong.

In my capacity as a Romulus School Board member from 1997–2001, I worked diligently to provide quality educational programs within budget. I have experience working to balance the needs of the community with the reality of financial limitations.

I am committed to serving all our residents. I have volunteered my time and have worked hard for the citizens of Romulus, and will continue to do so in the future.

I intend to be "your voice ... and your choice" for City Council. □

## Taylor Police Blood Drive Nets 42 Pints



The Taylor Police Department's June 25 blood drive, held in the former fire station on Pine Street, drew donors like Paul Hipkins of Taylor, who kept blood drive supervisor Carol Ushe and other American Red Cross staffers busy. Another drive is planned for September. Call Marge (734-374-1445) for information.



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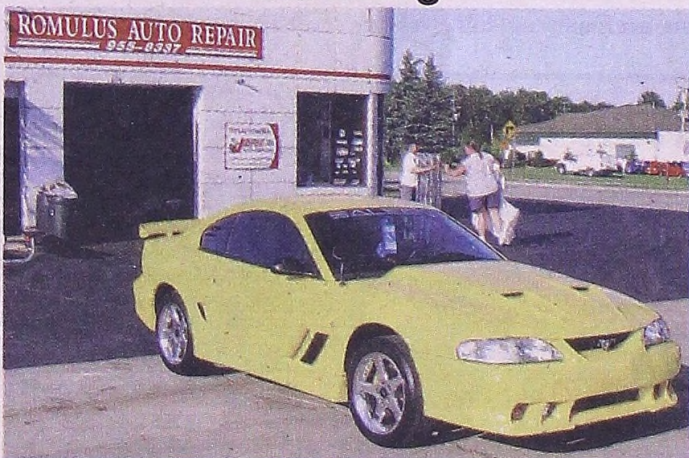
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# Around Romulus, Taylor



The Romulus Historical Society's annual Party in the Park, held at Romulus Historical Park on July 15, featured tours, music, and light refreshments. A few who attended – including Romulus Historical Museum director Pearl Varner (fourth from right) – wore period dress. *Photo by R. E. Kadau*



The grand opening of the Taylor Farmers Market on June 24 drew 600 shoppers in the event's first two and half hours, according to Chairwoman Karen Salomone. The market, located outside the Sheridan Community Center (12111 Pardee Road), is open each Wednesday from noon to 7 p.m.



The Romulus Recreation Department's recent "Wheel Week" program featured a Bike Safety Day for youngsters. City employees on hand for the event included (adults, from left) Recreation Director Kristin Irwin, clerk Sheila Stewart, Romulus Police Sergeant Donald Smith, and (right) Recreation Supervisor Joe Kiesznowski. Parent Gayle Milspaugh is pictured in back. *Photo by R. E. Kadau*



(From left) On June 23, Treasurer Wayne Avery, Councilman Dennis Stapleton, Clerk Mary Ann Riley, Councilmen Butch Ramik and Rick Sollars, and Mayor Cameron G. Priebe took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new outdoor dining and banquet pavilion at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club. Golf league players can enjoy the facility and its beautiful views weekdays from 4 to 10 p.m. It is also available for rental by groups of up to 150. Call 734-287-1655 for info.



A patriotically clad crowd prepared to participate in an Independence Day parade at the Romulus Tower senior-citizen apartment building. *Photo by R. E. Kadau*



(From left) Taylor Historical Society members Margaret Forgach, George Gouth, Alice Larson, Lars Larson, Dorothy Valentine, and Barbara Ennis volunteered to show off Taylor's oldest home, now located in Heritage Park, on Michigan Log Cabin Day (June 28). *Photo by Dave Gorgon*



# Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to [thelittlepaper@comcast.net](mailto:thelittlepaper@comcast.net) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, August 7.

## Romulus

### Sounds in Downtown

The immensely popular "Sounds in Downtown" free concert series will conclude with the following shows:

- BackBeats (Beatles tribute): July 31; and
- Kimmie Horne (jazz): August 8.

Concerts, which begin at 7 p.m., will be held at Romulus Historical Park (Hunt Street south of the post office), *rain or shine*, except in cases of stormy weather. These family-friendly events feature inflatable "bouncies," free giveaways, a prize drawing, and concessions. Bring a picnic basket and blankets/chairs.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Youth Activities

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is offering "Splash Week" (swimming at a different location each day August 3-6) and "Arts & Crafts Camp" (August 17-20) for ages 8 to 12.

Cost is \$60 and \$30, respectively. Register at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) by July 31.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Back-to-School Clothing Drive

Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) is collecting clothing from the community and distributing it to those in need. The church is now accepting new and gently used clothing, including, but not limited to, adults' and children's tops, pants, skirts, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and shoes.

Clothing may be dropped off at the church Monday through Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and noon, or you may call the church (734-941-0736) to arrange a pickup.

**Clothing will be distributed at the church on Saturday, August 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

All are welcome.

### Pig Roast, Barn Dance, & Bonfire

St. Aloysius Catholic Church (11280 Ozga Street) is planning a Pig Roast, Barn Dance, & Bonfire on Saturday, September 26, from 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Highlights of the event will include a dinner of pulled pork, baked potato, corn on the cob, cole slaw, dessert, and drink (5 to 8 p.m.), as well as live entertainment featuring Channel 6 (7 to 11 p.m.). Guests should bring their own lawn chairs to sit around the evening bonfire. A cash bar will serve beer and wine.

Dinner tickets (limited to 250) will be sold in advance at the parish office and after

weekend liturgies for a cost of \$13; dinner tickets may also be sold at the door for \$15. Tickets for admission without dinner are \$5 each.

For information, call 734-941-5056.

### Weekly Flea Markets, Cruise Nights

Weekly events at Juliann's Coney Island (30763 Eureka Road) benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund while offering free fun for participants.

The first, a parking-lot flea market, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Free spaces are available to all on a first-come/first-served basis.

A second fund-raiser, Cruise Night (aka Hot Rods, Hogs, and Dogs), is sure to become a summer favorite for people who like one or more of the titled offerings. Highlights of the events, held each Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., include DJ music, door prizes, and 50/50 raffles.

For information, call 734-942-7965.

## Taylor

### Bible School; Community Celebration

Two free community events are scheduled at Evangel Baptist Church (16994 Telegraph Road at Pennsylvania Road).

A Vacation Bible School for children entering kindergarten through seventh grade is set for 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, August 3-7. The week will include stories, games, prizes, and snacks. During the program, moms can remain at the church for Bible study and craft time.

The third annual Community Celebration at Evangel is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 8. Families are invited to enjoy a day of fellowship, children's games, inflatable attractions, hay rides, gyro rides, balloons, music, and food, including free ice cream from the Taylor Culver's store. A crowd of 500 to 600 people is expected for the day.

To register in advance for Bible School, or get more information on the Community Celebration, call 734-946-5680 or send e-mail to [EvangelBaptist@comcast.net](mailto:EvangelBaptist@comcast.net). Children also can be registered on the morning of the first day of the Bible school. **"Preserve It Yourself"**

Upcoming summer enrichment classes offered by the Taylor Conservatory Foundation include "Preserve It Yourself." The classes - held at the William Ford Senior Activity Center (6750 Troy Street) - will introduce participants to the pleasures of preserving fresh garden bounty to enjoy all year. Participants will get free recipes and take home a jar of homemade goods.

The remaining preservation class dates and titles are:

- August 20 - Pressure and Water Bath Canning (6 to 8:30 p.m.), and

- September 17 - Freezing and Dehydrating Techniques (6 to 8:30 p.m.).

The cost is \$15 a class.

For information, or to register, call the Taylor Conservatory at 888-383-4108.

### Farmer's Market Now Open

The new Taylor Farmers Market is open from noon to 7 p.m. every Wednesday outside the Sheridan Community Cen-

ter at Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road). Featured products include produce, plants, crafts, and artisan items.

Farmers, vendors, and volunteers interested in participating must apply and be approved. Applications are available by calling Shirley Moore at the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (313-843-2550). Sponsorship is welcomed. □

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## Metro Airport's Conway Honored

Michael Conway, director of public affairs for the Wayne County Airport Authority, was selected by his peers as the winner of the 2009 Ted Bushelman Legacy Award for Creativity and Excellence at the Airports Council International-North America's (ACI-NA) Marketing and Communications Conference in Montréal.

The award, which is considered the airport industry's most prestigious honor awarded to a communications and marketing professional, recognizes exceptional values, accomplishments and creativity, and commitment to both the airport industry and their profession throughout an honoree's career.

"It is extremely gratifying to learn that ACI-NA and Michael's peers at airports across North America recognize his extraordinary talent, commitment, and record of accomplishment as an airport communicator," said Robinson. "The Airport Authority has long appreciated what a tremendous asset Michael is to our airports, our region and our entire industry."

As he accepted the award, Conway said, "It is a very humbling experience for me. To be recognized by my colleagues across North America who perform the same tasks that I do in Detroit is truly meaningful."

As director of public affairs for the WCAA, which operates Detroit Metropol-



Michael Conway

tan Airport (DTW) and Willow Run Airport (YIP), Conway oversees public affairs, customer service, media relations, community outreach, and the noise program for both airports. DTW is the nation's 12th busiest airport, and is among the busiest air transportation hubs worldwide. He joined the airport staff in 1986 as community relations manager. □

## Handicapped Park Gets Upgrades

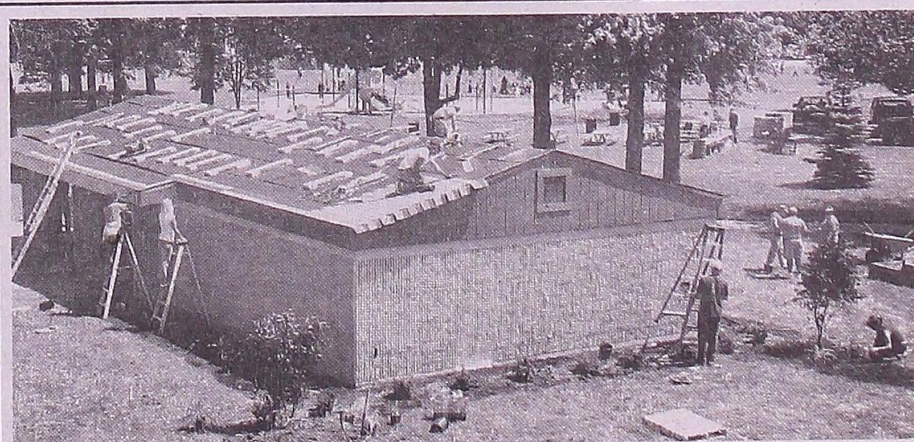
Dozens of volunteers took part in a daylong restoration project at Taylor Jaycees Handicapped Park last month. The park, located on Pinecrest next to Taylor Parks Elementary School, was created in 1988 with handicapped individuals in mind, but also for other residents. Then-U.S. Senator Al Gore joined Mayor Cameron G. Priebe at the dedication.

Despite regular maintenance at the park, it needed a host of upgrades. Volunteers gave the park a spring cleaning, made major improvements (including a new roof, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and paint) to the pavilion, and landscaped extensively. A new playscape with handicapped-accessible equipment and swings was also on the agenda.

Mayor Priebe praised the work of everyone who participated in the park improvement, particularly volunteers from The Home Depot at Telegraph and Goddard roads. The store donated \$4,000 in materials to the cause, plus many volunteers. The Mayor called The Home Depot a great corporate citizen and said he was impressed with how store employees care about the community they serve.

Rodney Harris, store manager, said, "Any time you can help your city and its residents — that's what we're all about."

Helping with city projects is nothing new for the store, which has made improvements at the Taylor North Central Little League, and assists Scouting and other community groups on a regular basis. □



Dozens of volunteers spent the day cleaning and making upgrades to Taylor Jaycees Handicapped Park.



## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to  
James Rupert of Romulus,  
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*With love from  
wife Barbara,  
son Jimmy, and  
granddaughter Jena*



## Obituaries

### Joseph Edward Dominguez

On July 20, 2009, Joseph Edward Dominguez joined his grandparents, Evelyn and Gene, and his "daddy Ray" to be with his Heavenly Father. He was 39 years old.

Born in Dearborn on March 2, 1970, Joseph grew up in Taylor until 1987, when he moved to Port Richey, Florida.

He was a stay-at-home dad who loved his "girls" very much, and will be missed by his family.

Joseph was a loving father to Nicole and Victoria Dominguez (FL); brother to Heather (Taylor) and James (Napa Valley, CA); son to Barbara Ray (Taylor) and WM Dominguez (Taylor); nephew to Michele and Jacki (Shelby Township); uncle to Marvin and "Angel"; and cousin to Carrie, Chris, and Gary.

Services are pending at the Church of the Master in Sterling Heights.

### Erling Clifford Holm

Erling Clifford Holm of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at the age of 81.

The son of the late Edward Paul and Esther (Anderson) Holm was born December 27, 1927 in Cuba, North Dakota.

Erling proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was employed for many years as a steel worker at numerous places, including Great Lakes Steel and Kaiser-Frazer. A member of the National Rifle Association and the Gold Prospectors, he was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, boating, and panning for gold. He also enjoyed reading, playing the stock market, watching WWE wrestling, and

spending time with his family.

Surviving Erling are his wife of 61 years, Yvonne Lois (Piehl) Holm; a daughter, Patricia Holm Brasch (Boca Raton, FL); a son, Ross (Jeri) Holm (Overland Park, KS); 2 granddaughters, Jeri Brasch (Colorado Springs, CO) and Rori Holm (Chicago, IL); a sister, Elizabeth Tooley (Ann Arbor, MI); and a brother, Eugene (Rosemary) Holm (Cape Coral, FL).

A funeral service was held on Saturday, July 11, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial contributions to the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family.

### Richard J. Luczak

Richard J. Luczak of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on July 26, 2009, at the age of 34. He was born in Trenton, Michigan, on June 18, 1975.

Rick was employed at Eastern Michigan University as a heating & cooling technician. He enjoyed dirt biking with his sons, working out, and family time. He was a wonderful son with a heart of gold, and a hard worker.

Surviving Rick are his sons, Zachary James and Gavin Edward Dean-Luczak (both of Canton, MI); his parents, Ricky

Luczak (Romulus) and Bonnie G. (Oakley) and Jason Frontiera (Hamburg, MI); 2 sisters, Jaime (Kevin) Fernley (Brighton, MI) and Stacy (Michael) Hatfield (Hamburg); his maternal grandmother, Barbara (Reuben) Beshears (Walnut Grove, AL); and 3 nieces.

A funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Steve Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Burial will be at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the church would be greatly appreciated. □

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